is being collected from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Professor Yashpal Committee on Academic Burden on small child

1639. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the special committee headed by Professor Yashpal to study how the academic burden on small children can be reduced, has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the recommendations made by the committee and Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The important recommendations made in the Committee's report are:

(i) Decentralisation of curriculum framing and preparation of textbooks so as to increase teachers' involvement in these tasks.

(ii) Adoption of appropriate legislative and administrative measures to regulate opening and function of school nurseries and kinder-gartens and abolition of tests and interviews for admissions there.

(iii) Treating textbooks as school property which can be made available by the schools to children on a rotation basis.

(iv) Abolition of home work in primary classes.

(v) Replacing the prevailing text-based and quiz-type questions in Board examinations by concept-based questions.

The report has been submitted on 15-7-1993. The Government has decided to set up a small group to examine the recommendations of the Committee.

Selection of Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas

1640. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ratio of vacancies and number of candidates called for interview for direct recruitment of teachers and Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas has been one to eight;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that this norm/provision was not adhered to while calling candidates for selection to the post of Principals in June, 1993; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OFEDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, the ratio of candidates to be called for interview for recruitment against direct recruitment posts is not specified under the recruitment rules. Adequate number of persons should be called for interview to assure selection of the best. For selection to the posts of Principals in June, 1993, this ratio was fixed at 1:5. The process of recruitment to the posts of teachers during the current academic session has not yet been completed.

Payment of arrears of wages to Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers

1641. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas who were dismissed and were later reinstated following court orders have not yet been paid their arrear of wages even after 8-10 years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when they are likely to be paid the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OFEDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has intimated that only one teacher was reinstated in terms of Delhi High Court's order in the year 1987. The arrears have not been paid to the teacher since Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has filed an appeal againsts the order of the Hon'ble High Court and it is pending consideration in the Court.